

# NEWS

## NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

### FROM THE PRESIDENT...GET INVOLVED!

#### Rob Sargent, President, NHLA

*The first few years of my professional career were spent in Connecticut. When I returned to New Hampshire in 1997, I was encouraged by John Barrett, then of the State Library, now of the Nesmith Library in Windham and the vice president of the New England Library Association, to get involved with NHLA. He explained the benefits and opportunities: getting to know and working with colleagues from other libraries; learning about federal, state, and local library issues and practices; and sharing my experiences and interests with other librarians as a way of giving back. For a minimal investment of my time and effort, I have been rewarded immeasurably.*

*There are many opportunities for you to become more involved with NHLA. The Association is looking for chairpersons for the Federal Relations, Intellectual Freedom, and Ways & Means committees. All committees, including but not limited to, Conference, Publicity, and Scholarship could use recruits with new perspectives and enthusiasm. A complete listing of NHLA committees and sections is available at [www.state.nh.us/nhla](http://www.state.nh.us/nhla).*

*Some committees meet monthly and some meet only once or twice per year. The Conference committee, chaired by Christie Sarles of the Tuftonboro Free Library, meets at a central location once a month. After an hour or two of coordinating programs, time slots, and room assignments, the members retire to a Mexican restaurant for margaritas and garlic nachos. The Scholarship committee, chaired Mary Ann List of the Amherst Town Library, meets once in the fall, and sometimes again the spring, at a restaurant where the members enjoy a leisurely lunch and each other's company while discussing the applications. The Continuing Education committee, chaired by Stan Olson of the Lane Memorial Library in Hampton, charged with awarding Mini-Money Grants and planning programs for the membership at large, rarely conducts its business with meetings; rather, most of its discussion is done with email.*

*Getting involved with NHLA has allowed me to grow as a librarian. When I changed jobs last year, all of my references were from Association colleagues. Now, when I have a question or need some direction with one of my new responsibilities, I call or email someone I know through NHLA. There are many wise, creative, and energetic people with a multitude of talents in the Association who are willing to and more than capable of helping you, too. If you want to get involved, call me at 934-2911 or email me at [rob.sargent@franklin.lib.nh.us](mailto:rob.sargent@franklin.lib.nh.us) to discuss your interests and experiences. NHLA is eager for you to get involved.*

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#### 2001-2002 NHLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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# THE SNAIL RETURNS TO NH!

Diane Hathaway, Goffstown Public Library



*Team New Hampshire scored 83.5 points to bring home the snail during the annual NELA conference in October!*

*This illustrious team used their expertise in storytelling, their creativity and their mummy-wrapping skills (who knew??) to wipe out the teams from the other New England states and the boisterous vendor team.*

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David Sturges, NH State Library

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### LAYOUT/DESIGN

Bruce J. Marks, Nashua Public Library

*Don't forget Team New Hampshire's mascot, William Bearce, whose little tiger costume was the hit of the competition. Many thanks to Lura Sanborn, Mary Ann List, Theresa Pare, Michael Sullivan, Heather, Kathy, Louise Buckley, Jennifer Bone, Nancy Vincent, and fearless leader John Barrett.*



## RECOMMENDED SERVICE STANDARDS FROM YOUR LIBRARY ASSOCIATION?

Lesley Gaudreau, Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham

*The NHLA executive board has heard from many members, that recommended service standards for libraries and librarians in NH would be useful to them. At the annual retreat, the executive board decided to form a committee of people to investigate the feasibility of developing recommended standards, and, if found feasible, to develop those standards. Due to the very different role that NHLA plays, any standards recommended by the association would not serve the same purpose as the standards developed by the NH State Library and required by law. NHLA recommended standards would simply serve as a guide for librarians and boards of trustees for future planning and evaluation of service.*

*Do you have an interest in standards of library service? Would you like to be involved in NHLA on this specific project? If so, please contact Lesley at the Wiggin Memorial Library in Stratham at 772-4346 or [wigginml@attbi.com](mailto:wigginml@attbi.com). The first meeting of the committee will take place during the second week in February 2003.*

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## ANN GEISEL AWARD OF MERIT

Lesley Gaudreau, Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham

*When you attend your next co-op or ALF meeting or other library event, look around at your colleagues in a new way. Think about the achievements of these people and how they have served and improved library service in New Hampshire. Or maybe you know that your local state representative always speaks up for library issues when they come before the House or Senate, or that a local Friends of the Library group has made significant contributions in time, effort and money to the advancement of that library in the community.*

*Now, take just a minute to write a brief letter of nomination about the person or organization including why they qualify for the award. It should then be a piece of cake to round up 2 additional letters of support. The Ann Geisel Award of Merit recognizes librarians, libraries, and other individuals and organizations that have contributed to the Association or the New Hampshire library community. Through their efforts as library professionals, providing library services, or advocating for library issues, they have improved all New Hampshire libraries. Tell us why that is true of the person or organization you are nominating.*

*Send your nomination materials to: New Hampshire Library Association, Awards Committee, PO Box 2332, Concord, NH 03302-2332. The Award will be given at the next annual members' meeting in November 2003, but you can nominate at any time. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize those who deserve it.*





# EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

## WHAT'S UP @ THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Amy Richards, Director, Barrington Public Library**

### Author Ernest Hebert

*On Thursday, January 23rd from 6-8PM join us for a discussion of "The Old American" by Ernest Hebert. The author will join us for this event to answer questions and give us insight into the creation of this novel.*

### Author Kay Morgan

*Sunday, January 26th from 10AM-Noon Kay Morgan, writer and secondary school in Durham, will come to discuss her book "My Ever Dear Daughter, My Own Dear Mother: The Correspondence of Julia Stone Towne & Mary Julia Towne, 1868-1882."*

*Ms. Morgan will share her experiences of editing this correspondence, and invite participants to work with their own documents or family history. Bring a letter, a photograph, or just yourself, and begin to tell your family's story. All ages are welcomed and out of town guests are encouraged to attend. Copies of Ms. Morgan's book will be available for purchase and signing, as well as copies of Barrington's Oral History book "Traditions & Transitions: Every Person Is A Book"*

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## MINI-MONEY GRANTS

### New Address for Mini-Money Grant Applications

*Application forms for the Adam & Jane MacDonald Fund Mini-Money Grants should now be sent to:*

Stan Olson, Chair  
NH Library Association  
Continuing Education Committee  
Lane Memorial Library  
2 Academy Ave.  
Hampton, NH 03842  
Tel.: (603) 926-3368  
Fax: (603) 926-1348  
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*The form is available on the NHLA website ([www.state.nh.us/nhla](http://www.state.nh.us/nhla)) and may be mailed or Faxed.*

## ART EXHIBIT AT THE STATE LIBRARY

**Charles Shipman, New Hampshire State Library**

**What: Hard Times and Big Dreams: 1935-1942  
New Hampshire Artists Tell the Story**

**Where: Map Gallery, NH State Library, 20 Park St., Concord, NH**

**When: Opening February 20, 2003**

*The State Library will be mounting an exhibit of artwork by New Hampshire artists who were employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. The exhibition places artworks done for New Hampshire's visual arts component of the Federal Arts Project, 1935-1942, in historical context. It will combine paintings, woodcuts, and photographs in the State Library Collection with items donated to the New Hampshire Artist Archives, such as a printmaker's table and tools, along with business correspondence and newspaper stories of the time. The three featured artists are Herbert Waters, Nat Burwash, and Alice Cosgrove. Thanks to the willingness of the New Hampshire Arts Association to loan some items to the exhibit, there will also be a display on Omer Lassonde, who directed the Federal program in New Hampshire. The exhibit will run for two months.*

**RENOWNED AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR**

# **MAURICE SENDAK**

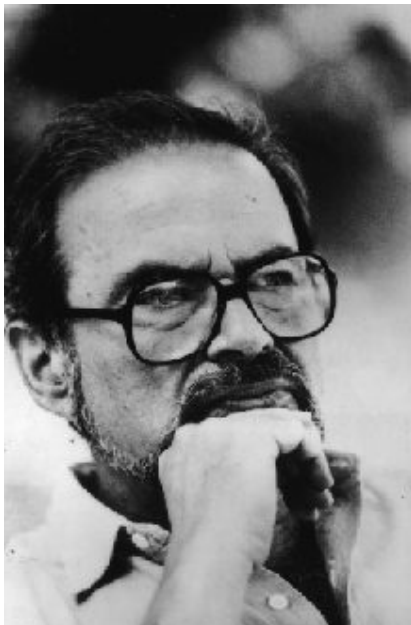
**TO PRESENT 2003 ARBUTHNOT HONOR LECTURE IN  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS ON APRIL 5, 2003.**

**Daryl Mark, Coordinator of Children's Services, Cambridge Public Library**

*The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce that the 2003 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture will be held April 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m., at Kresge Auditorium on the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Mass. This prestigious event will be co-hosted by the Cambridge Public Library (CPL) and Children's Literature New England, Inc. (CLNE). Beloved children's illustrator and author, Maurice Sendak, will present the lecture.*

*Susan Flannery, Director of the CPL observes that, "Sendak and the city of Cambridge make a perfect fit. The city shares a deep and abiding concern for social justice and the unique travails of children." Children's book author and CLNE co-director, Gregory Maguire, agrees with Ms. Flannery adding, "In works of unparalleled complexity, moral beauty, and respect for the young reader, Maurice Sendak has enriched the literature of childhood."*

*Probably best known for his children's book *Where the Wild Things Are* (winner of the 1964 Caldecott Award), Maurice Sendak is America's most widely recognized children's book creator working today. His many honors include being the first American to win the Hans Christian Andersen International Medal (1970) for his body of work; the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal in 1983 and a National Medal of the Arts, presented by President Clinton, in 1997. In addition to his vast contribution to the world of children's books, Sendak has designed sets and costumes for a variety of lavish stage productions, including Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* and Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*.*



*Among the many ways that the City of Cambridge will celebrate the occasion of the lecture is the presentation of a half-day program, to be held at MIT on the morning of April 5, 2003, called "A Sendak Symposium." The symposium will be free but registration will be required and attendance restricted to registrants.*

*The Arbuthnot Lecture, which is intended for adults, not children, is free. Tickets will be available beginning February 15, 2003. Requests for tickets and information about the lecture or symposium will be accepted by phone, fax, e-mail or surface mail. Telephone: (617) 349-4032; fax: (617) 349-4028; email: [arbuthnot@ci.cambridge.ma.us](mailto:arbuthnot@ci.cambridge.ma.us); or Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138.*

# MENTORS NEEDED

**Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., Executive Director, Exchanging Jobs**

*As of July 1, 2002 Southern Connecticut Library Council became the fiscal sponsor of Exchanging Jobs [www.exchangingjobs.org], a free website devoted to job exchanges and job shadowing for librarians. A job exchange lets a participant trade places for a set period of time-typically from one to six months-with someone who has similar responsibilities. Job shadowing, on the other hand, typically lasts between half a day and two days and comes in two varieties: 1) A mentee posts his or her contact information on a list specifying the type of job that would be of interest. A mentor who works in this type of job contacts him or her to arrange a time for the mentee to shadow the mentor; 2) A mentor posts his or her contact information and job responsibilities on a list. A mentee interested in this type of job contacts the mentor to arrange the shadowing-there is a particular need for this variety of job shadowing. To sign-up, go to [www.exchangingjobs.org/app\_shadowme.html]. In both varieties the mentee would accompany the mentor around during the workday.*

*A route to mentoring that is not connected to Exchanging Jobs is for an individual to enroll in a mentor program offered by their state library association. For example, the Arizona, California, Connecticut and Kentucky Library Associations sponsor formal mentor programs for their members. Another option would be to seek out a formal mentor program from a specialized library organization, such as one sponsored by The American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona, and REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking).*

*People seek a job exchange or shadowing for a variety of reasons, such as needing a change of scenery, wanting to expand social networks or looking for a broader perspective on the profession. Exchanging Jobs is run by Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., who pursued his own job exchange in 2001. Why not contact him at sam@exchangingjobs.org to find out more information or just go to the website to look around.*



*Note—Exchanging Jobs is an initiative of its fiscal sponsor, Southern Connecticut Library Council, a fully tax exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.*

# **DOES YOUR RURAL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEED NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS?**

**Duncan McDougall, Executive Director, Children's Literacy Foundation**

*The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. CLiF's programs have already touched the lives of many thousands of children in more than 125 communities across the Twin states.*

## **CLiF Rural Library Sponsorships**

*One of the ways CLiF supports children's literacy is by awarding sponsorships of \$1,300 in new, high-quality, hardcover books for children up to age 12 to rural public libraries that serve towns of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants.*

*If your library receives a CLiF sponsorship, we will travel to your town, deliver the beautiful books in person, and give an inspiring presentation to your town's children about the joys of words, books, reading and writing. Most CLiF book delivery celebrations take place at the local elementary school, and we typically have every child in town from Kindergarten to Grade 6 attend these special events. It's a very memorable occasion that rekindles the children's interest in books and reading, and reminds them of the treasures that await them at their local library. Most libraries find that their children's book circulation increases significantly immediately following a CLiF sponsorship.*

*If your library is interested in applying, please contact CLiF and ask for our simple 2-page application, or visit CLiF's web site ([www.clifonline.org](http://www.clifonline.org)) to download the document. Deadlines for applications are February 1 and August 1. Each year CLiF sponsors 24 rural public libraries, and each library that is sponsored in the future will become eligible to apply to CLiF for a free visit by a children's book author or illustrator.*

*CLiF has already awarded sponsorships to 114 rural public libraries throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. If you visit our web site, you can see a map that shows all the libraries we've supported thus far. CLiF also provides similar sponsorships to bookmobiles and shelters. We hope your library will consider applying for a CLiF sponsorship, and we would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our programs.*

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